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MURDER OF STEUNENBERG AROUSSES STATE OF IDAHO

Shoshone County, in the Coeur d'Alenes
Offers Reward of \$10,000
for Assassins.

Suspect Under Arrest at Caldwell—Funeral of the Former
Governor Will Be Held at Caldwell, Tuesday at 11
o'clock—Tribute of Heyburn.

Boise, Ida., Dec. 31.—A man has been arrested at Caldwell whom the officers think may be the assassin of former Governor Frank Steunenberg. His name has not been reported. Five men in all have been detained on trivial charges in order that their whereabouts may be looked up. When daylight dawned on the scene of the tragedy it was found that the dynamite had been exploded by pulling a wire. Pieces of wire and waxed fishline were found in the trees on the lawn.

Two Bombs Used.
Further, it is believed that two bombs were used, to make certain of carrying out the purpose of the assassins. They seem to have been together, both being pulled at once. It was quite definitely determined during the night that the mine was fired by a wire. The explosive was placed against the post against which the gate closed and on the inside of the fence. That post was fired by a wire and the assassin, but the force of the explosion caught him on the right, showing he turned partially in closing the gate.

Assassin Knew His Habits.
Had the mine been set to go off from movement of the gate the explosion would have occurred as he went in, and it is, therefore, certain the mine was fired by a wire and the assassin, knowing his habit of making the stop to close the gate, waited until he had turned.

Shoshone County Offers \$10,000.
Shoshone county has offered a reward of \$10,000 for the apprehension of the murderers and has sent its sheriff to assist in the search. It was in that county, in the northern end of the

sonally I want to pay my tribute to him as a man of force and high character, and to extend to his bereaved family my sincere sympathy in their great loss.

Sweating Suspects.
The officers at Caldwell have three men whom they are sweating vigorously, believing one or more of them has some knowledge of the crime. One is named Hogan and is said to have been a miner. He has been around here for three weeks and has told flimsy stories about his business. Another is a stranger who appeared at one of the hotels half an hour after the explosion, took a bed and refused to register. When pressed to give his name he said they might call him Smith. The third is a Russian who has been at Caldwell at times for three years. He calls himself Smith. This man has been a free drinker, but yesterday no one could induce him to take a drink.

Nitro-Glycerine Used.
It seems settled that the explosive used was not giant powder. Those having knowledge of such substance and who have examined the scene state that the explosive was undoubtedly nitro-glycerine. It was in a metallic case, the metal being a combination of tin and zinc. A portion of the mechanism has been found, including the trigger used in firing the charge. The nipple used was such as is found on an old-fashioned muzzle-loader shotgun. Pieces of metal were found sticking in all the trees.

Gooding's Opinion.
Governor Gooding, after having spent the day at the scene, states that there is only one conclusion—that Governor Steunenberg was killed for the stand



"UNCLE JOE" PAINTS A MASTERPIECE.
I do not hesitate to assert that this country is better today than it ever was in its history; that the people are better, more honest, more moral and less disposed to yield to temptations that are put in front of honest men at every turn. The people have the devil on the run.—From Speaker Cannon's Holiday Meditations.
—Chicago Inter Ocean.

SEATTLE POLICE HAVE THEIR DOUBTS VAG IS CAUGHT AFTER A CHASE

Robbery of Mose Goldsmith by "Mr. Burke of Butte" Has Features About it Which Incline the Officers to Suspect a "Frame-Up".

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 31.—The Goldsmith hold-up continues to baffle the police. After the excitement attending the first news of the affair had subsided and the police had a chance to draw a few deductions, it was found that the hold-up favored strongly of a game "frame-up" by parties to the affair. The check for \$2,750, which Goldsmith drew in favor of himself, and which was cashed by Clerk Flemming, of the Lincoln hotel, was signed by "The Strand Theatre Company, by J. Goldsmith." The other member of the Strand Theatre company is Alexander Pantages, who owns a ten-cent theatre bearing his name, and is said to own interests in other ten-cent houses in the north-west.

Police Read the Letter.
When the letter, which Burke is said to have told Goldsmith to read after they were alone in the room, was examined by the police today, it was found to contain a statement in which Burke stated that he had been robbed of \$2,750 in the Strand theatre, and his amount was stated to have been made good with the people for whom the writer was working. Goldsmith says he never saw Burke before they began to figure on the sale of a third

interest in the Strand. He then says that the hold-up is bona fide, and that while the check was drawn by the Strand Theatre company he does not intend that Pantages shall pay one cent of the amount.

Has a Shady Look.
Chief of Police Delaney believes that the whole affair is shady and although he could not break down Goldsmith, in a long talk held at headquarters tonight, he will continue his investigation tomorrow and hopes to find something definite. The chief also had long talks with Cohen, who was with Goldsmith at the hotel, and with Pantages. Both believe the hold-up on the square, and profess to be as much mystified as the police.

Clerk Saw No Gun.
The one strong point which makes the police believe that there was a "frame-up" is the statement of Clerk Flemming, which is that when he took the money to the room Burke had no gun in his hand, which would have given Goldsmith an opportunity to make a fight. Goldsmith says that Burke never had a gun, but he was an instant during the time they were in the room.

No trace of Burke has been found, nor do the police believe one will be.

SENATORIAL FIGHT IN KENTUCKY

Indications Point to a Deadlock in the Legislature, With the Possibility of Governor Beckham Being Sprung as a Dark Horse.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 31.—With the Democratic senate and house caucuses only twenty-four hours away, Governor J. C. Beckham is being frequently mentioned as the man whose nomination would settle what promises to be one of the most memorable and suborn senatorial deadlocks in the history of Kentucky. During the past twenty-four hours the situation has changed but little, there being no perceptible variation in the strength of United States Senator J. C. S. Blackburn and Thomas H. Paynter, the leaders, nor of W. B. Haldeman and the man who, with the smallest number of votes, apparently holds the key to the situation. The Haldeman men are apparently standing firm. Both sides are still claiming sufficient strength to nominate the speaker of the house, but as the

Blackburn and Haldeman forces have apparently combined to organize the house the poll of their announced supporters seems numerically the stronger. However, the speakership is complicated by the fact that some of the legislators are not following the lines of division which prevail in the senatorial fight.

Thorne Would Resign.
Lieutenant Governor Thorne has announced that in case Governor Beckham should be put forward as a candidate he will resign, thus allowing the president of the senate pro tem, to become governor. The lieutenant governor's announcement was made following published declaration that the leaders of the Democratic party would oppose any movement whereby he would succeed to the governorship. This opposition, it was said, was based on alleged abuse of the pardoning power by Thorne while acting governor during the absence of Governor Beckham several times declared that he is not a candidate, and has, as far as he could consistently do so, supported Judge Paynter. The governor's friends declared there would be a stampede to him in case Paynter should find it necessary to withdraw.

BASELESS REPORT THAT WITTE WILL STEP DOWN

Nevertheless a Strong Attack Is Being Made Upon the Russian Premier.

Government Presenting a Strong Front and Seems Assured of a Victory Over the "Reds"—Revolutionists Likely to Start a Reign of Terror.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31, 7:35 p. m.—The report that Count Witte is booked for retirement in a few days is again being persistently circulated.

The Nasha Shish, which declares its statement, says that M. Durnovo, minister of the interior, who is worshipped as an idol by the court camarilla, which believes that his stern policy alone can put an end to the existing anarchy, has accomplished the downfall of the count and will be elevated to the premiership.

Report Baseless.

Investigation by the Associated Press, however, indicates that the report is baseless, certainly for the moment. Nevertheless it is true that M. Durnovo has a powerful cabal of reactionaries behind him, and temporarily seems to dominate the situation.

M. Manukhin, whose sudden retirement from the ministry of justice (in which he is succeeded by M. Akynoff, a member of the senate), created a stir, resigned, according to the Molva (Russ), rather than submit to M. Durnovo's dictation in matters which he regarded as being strictly within the sphere of his ministry. He insisted that the reports of the senators who were dispatched to investigate the Jewish and other massacres following the imperial manifesto of Oct. 30, should be made to the minister of justice, in order that legal proceedings could be begun against the police and other local authorities where found culpable. M. Durnovo resisted this, declaring that the interior administration belonged to him. When M. Durnovo was sustained, M. Manukhin resigned, and M. Akynoff, who is a brother-in-law of M. Durnovo, was appointed his successor.

Attacks on Witte.

On the other hand Count Witte is being attacked more fiercely than ever on the side of the Liberals, who charge that he is showing the cloven hoof and say that he might happen to fall between two stools.

M. Brianchaninoff is out with a strong article in the Slovo entitled "Witte Must Go," in which he asserts that the victory at Portsmouth has been followed by defeat at St. Petersburg. His line of argument is that anarchy has been able to make headway because the Liberals doubt whether Russia has to have a constitution or whether the manifesto is only a tactical move to lull them to sleep. It was Witte's first duty, according to the writer, to remove this doubt, but it is charged that he still maintains an equivocal role. He has not, the article says, even safeguarded the prerogative granted by the ukase creating a responsible cabinet of ministers, but has allowed M. Durnovo, whose patent purpose is to cut off the heads of anarchy and constitutionalism at the same time, to report directly to the emperor and to secure his majesty's approval of measures without consulting the premier.

"A man like M. Guchkoff, in whom

the people have confidence, must go to the head of the government," says M. Brianchaninoff. "It is impossible for Count Witte, who never was a constitutionalist at heart, to continue to play a double role any longer. The situation imperatively requires sincerity, and we would have less of Witte's despotism and more honesty."

Strong Front Presented.

The government is now proceeding on the theory that a victory over the "reds" is assured. It is displaying a strong front and announces that it will no longer tolerate in its service employees who are plotting against it. The ministers have been authorized summarily to dismiss such employees.

The regulations for the preparation of supplementary lists of those entitled to vote by the law of Dec. 25 were published today. The fact that in this cities the electoral districts coincide with the police districts gives rise to the outcry that when the country is "tranquilized" it is the purpose of the government to control the elections.

The Slovo warns the people to quit talking of revolution and to begin seriously the campaign for the duma by the selection of the best representatives. Foreseeing the probability that it will be impossible to hold elections in the Baltic provinces, the Caucasus and other disturbed districts, the government has provided that when the certificates of half the members elected are received the duma will be convened immediately.

Terrorists' Plans.

At a meeting of the council of workmen last night some delegates, pending the organization of an armed revolution, advocated a recourse to the old terror plan of instituting a tribunal to try and condemn officials guilty of tyranny, to publish the reasons for such condemnation and then to execute the verdict of the tribunal. This, the delegates said, would be preferable to the indiscriminate killing of police and Cossacks who might be innocent. Not satisfied with the protection given by the secret police to Count Witte, whose life is in constant danger, officers of the Preobrazhensky guard regiment were detailed to guard the premier, but on Friday they declined to do further service in this connection, saying it was beneath the dignity of guard officers to do police duty.

Under Martial Law.

With the crushing of the revolt at Moscow, interest is now transferred to other places where there are armed uprisings, especially to South Russia. Practically the entire Black Sea littoral is under martial law. Ekaterinoslav and the railroad to the Crimea are in the hands of revolutionaries, and the troops were ordered today to retain them at any cost. The situation is extremely bad at Bachmut, in White Russia, where the coal fields are located. Berdichev, the Jewish center of Dvinsk, Kherson, the whole district of Odessa, Kremenshchuk, Alexandrovsky and the territory along the railroad between Moscow and Nizhni-Novgorod were placed under martial law today. The revolt at Samara has been suppressed with much bloodshed.

BLOW IS DEALT TO BALFOUR'S HOPES

Duke of Devonshire Advises Free Trade Unionists to Support the Liberal Candidates—Home Rule Question a Side Issue.

London, Dec. 31.—The Duke of Devonshire, Liberal-Unionist, has issued an important election manifesto in which he virtually advises the free trade Unionists to support the Liberal candidates rather than the protectionist Unionists. By treating the home rule question as a mere side issue he deals the strongest blow yet delivered

against Mr. Balfour's election tactics. The duke asserts that there is no indication that the opinion of the country has changed since the rejection of the last home rule bill, and that it is in the highest degree improbable that the government of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman will incur the risk of introducing another such measure in the next parliament. Therefore, he says, the question of free trade versus protection must be the paramount feature in the coming elections, and he declares there must be no deviation from attachment to free trade.

A drawn pistol in his hand convinced the loud-mouthed "lynch" man that silence is golden.

Case Not a Serious One.

When the jail was reached the crowd numbered easily 200 men, clamoring to know what was up. Several knowing the details of the affair made explanations. When finally convinced that the prisoner was a mere "moocher" the men made their way homeward. Had the prisoner, Will Sutton by name, been proved a bad man, he might have been handled roughly by the crowd. He was locked up with vagrancy. King was arrested for carrying concealed weapons. His bail was placed at \$25. This amount was paid. In speaking of the affair King said: "It is the right of any citizen to make an arrest when necessary. This fellow begged the price of a meal from me. He didn't look good, so I determined to land him in jail. I had him as far as State street when he broke and ran. I pulled my gun and started in pursuit."

King was indignant upon being charged with carrying concealed weapons, claiming he had a permit to do so.

Unable to Fathom Balfour.

The duke confesses that he knows no more now than when he left the late government of what is implied by the Balfourian fiscal scheme, which the authors declare to be acceptable to free traders and protectionists alike. On the other hand, he says there is no ambiguity about the Chamberlain propaganda, which is avowedly protectionist.

The manifesto contends that the Unionist party organization has largely been captured by the protectionist wing, and that should the party become predominantly protectionist there will either be real danger to free trade or the prospect of the extinction of the Unionist party for an indefinite period from either power or influence. The duke declares in conclusion that it is the duty of the Unionist free traders to take such action as will prove that the Unionists as a whole, whether in power or in opposition, is still uncommitted to a retrograde fiscal policy, by whomsoever it may be proposed.



FORMER GOVERNOR FRANK STEUNENBERG OF IDAHO,
Killed by an Infernal Machine.

state, that the Coeur d'Alene riots occurred in 1899. Steunenberg, then governor, overthrew the secret organization by which the unions were controlled, and that mining district has enjoyed peace and prosperity ever since.

HEYBURN'S TRIBUTE.

Idaho Suffers Great Loss by the Murder of Frank Steunenberg.

(Special to The Herald.)

Washington, Dec. 31.—Senator Heyburn, when asked this evening following the assassination of former Governor Steunenberg of his state, said:

"I was greatly shocked to hear of Governor Steunenberg's tragic fate. I had a high regard for him and considered him a man of fine character. His death will be a great loss to the state of Idaho."

The senator continued: "Governor Steunenberg was a strong, positive character. During his administration of four years as governor of Idaho he reduced the expenses of the state government and set an example in administrative ability worthy to be followed by any of his successors. It can be said of him that as a business man in the discharge of his duties as an executive he stands without a peer. Per-

he took at the time of the Coeur d'Alene riots. It transpires that the dead leader received a letter of warning while in Washington about one and one-half years ago. It stated that his time was short. Some such letters were also received several years ago.

Funeral at Caldwell.

The funeral of ex-Governor Steunenberg will be held at Caldwell on Tuesday at 11 o'clock. The family preferred to have the proposed honor of lying in state omitted, clinging to the simple idea that always characterized the deceased.

SUSPECTS AT WEISER.

Two Men Being Held for Authorities at Caldwell.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 31.—An Oregonian special from Weiser, Ida., says: The men answering the description of the men who it is thought arranged the infernal machine at Caldwell by which ex-Governor Steunenberg was killed, were arrested in this city today. One has a large scar on his face similar to the one on the face of the man who is suspected of having fixed the dynamite to the gate. The men stated that they are miners, and one of them, who gave his name as Campbell, was